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I am Howard M Shima, 40 year resident of Salt lake and served on the Aliamanu/Salt Lake/Foster Village Neighborhood Board for 24 years.

I am strongly in support of this \$6 million amendment to the CIP for the design and construction of the remaining segment of the Salt Lake Blvd Widening project.

Our community has lobbied for the completion of this blvd for 30 years. The record will show that it was projected to be completed in 1983. The first segment from Puuloa Road to the shopping center was completed in 1979. Then in 1981, there was a change in administration when Eileen Anderson was elected Mayor. The then director of DTS stopped planning on this project, stating that there was no need to widen Salt Lake Blvd.

Since then, there has been slow progress with the State completing construction from Kamehameha Highway to Luapele Drive in the early 1990's. Then, the City completed Phase I, from Luapele Drive to Bougainville Drive in 1990 and Phase II, from Bougainville Drive to Maluna Street in 2005.

This leaves only the final segment from Maluna Street to the Salt Lake Shopping Center to be completed.

Then in 2007, this project got another setback, when the Council removed funding from the OMPO 2008-2011 TIP because the Mass Transit alignment was coming down Salt Lake Blvd and that the widening would be done with the transit project. This deletion was made despite community testimonies expressing concerns on the possibility that the alignment might get shifted to the airport.

We all know that in February of this year the Council did the unthinkable and changed to the airport alignment. This left the project in limbo with no funding.

Therefore, this project must be resurrected and I understand that the first step is to obtain City funding for design and later hopefully get back on the OMPO TIP list for federal funds.

Your kind consideration for this request will be greatly appreciated by our community.

Sincerely,

Howard M Shima

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